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1. AT HIS REQUEST RUMSFELD MET MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 12 WITH AMBASSADOR DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM), DEPUTY SYG PANSAL (IN THAT LUNN IS HOME ILL) AND DIRECTOR OF CABINET VAN CAMPEN ON SUBJECT OF ALLIES' REPLIES TO KARAMANLIS LETTER, AT A MEETING THAT HAD BEEN CALLED FOR ANOTHER PURPOSE.

2. RUMSFELD COVERED INSTRUCTIONS IN STATE 199673, AND SUGGESTED SECRET

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A MEETING OF THIRTEEN LATER ON SEPTEMBER 12 TO DISCUSS SUBJECT.

3. VAN CAMPEN GAVE BRIEF PRELIMINARY REPORT ON SYG LUNN'S SEPTEMBER 11 MEETING WITH GREEK JFONMIN MAVROS. VAN CAMPEN

SAID THAT MAVROS SPOKE EMOTIONALLY SAYING THAT GREECE IS DEFINITELY OUT OF NATO--IT IS DECIDED. MAVROS SAID THAT THE DECISION IS ABSOLUTELY FINAL AND THAT IN THREE WEEKS GREECE WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS. LUNS WAS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT THE GREEKS SHOULD VIEW THE CYPRUS EVENTS REALISTICALLY AND CEASE EMOTIONAL EXPRESSION THAT ENFLAME ANTI-AMERICANISM LEST IT BENEFIT THE COMMUNISTS. WHEN LUNS MENTIONED THAT THE GREEK WITHDRAWAL IMPERILED GREECE' SECURITY IN THE CASE OF A SOVIET ATTACK, MAVROS REPLIED THAT THE US WOULD HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO HELP DEFEND GREECE, SINCE AN ATTACK ON GREECE WOULD BE AN ATTACK ON THE WEST AND US MUST COME TO THE DEFENSE OF THE WEST.

4. DE STAERCKE REPORTED THAT AT A SEPTEMBER 11 RECEPTION MAVROS HAD ALSO EMPHASIZED THE FINALITY OF GREEK WITHDRAWAL FROM NATO AND SAID THAT AS OF THAT DAY (SEPT 11) GREECE WOULD CEASE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DPC. HE INDICATED THAT, AS IN MEETING WITH LUNS, THERE WERE COMMENTS ON ANTI-AMERICANISM. DE STAERCKE SAID THAT THE GREEKS HAVE ALSO TOLD THE GERMANS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME THING. LUNS WILL REPORT ON MAVROS MEETING TO THE THIRTEEN TOMORROW.

5. PANSALIS, AFTER PHONING LUNS, AND DE STAERCKE AGREED TO A MEETING TODAY AT 4:00 P.M. OF THE THIRTEEN ON THE SUBJECT OF THE REPLIES TO THE KARAMANLIS LETTER. HOWEVER, DE STAERCKE SAID HE STRONGLY FELT US POSITION AS EXPRESSED AT LAST MEETING OF THE THIRTEEN (SEE USNATO 4875) AND REITERATED TODAY WAS UNWISE, AND THAT IN VIEW OF THE MAVROS MEETINGS WITH LUNS, GERMANS AND BELGIANS, AND THE REPORTED THREE WEEK DEADLINE, NO ALLY WOULD AGREE WITH THE U.S. POSITION. HOWEVER, IF U.S. HAS INSTRUCTIONS, HE CERTAINLY AGREES WE SHOULD MEET.

6. GUIDANCE REQUESTED: AS INDICATED IN USNATO 4875, INSTRUCTIONS IN STATE 199673 AND 198059 WILL NOT CHANGE ALLIES' VIEWS. MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 4:00 PM TODAY. HOWEVER I BELIEVE U.S., IN VIEW OF RECENT EVENTS, CAN AGREE TO ANSWER LETTER.
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ALL ALLIES WILL DO SO, REGARDLESS OF WHAT U.S. DOES, UNLESS WE COME FORWARD WITH SOME MORE PERSUASIVE ARGUMENTS TO THE CONTRARY. I SUGGEST THAT WE AGREE TO A REPLY SIMPLY ACKNOWLEDGING LETTER OF KARAMANLIS AND SAY IT IS A MATTER ON WHICH WE WILL WANT TO CONSULT WITH OUR ALLIES. THIS WOULD AVOID PROBLEM OF NOT HAVING ANSWERED AND PROVIDE AN ANSWER THAT IS (A) UNPROVOCATIVE, (B) THAT COULD BE THE ONLY ANSWER, (C) THAT DOES NOT PRECLUDE AN ADDITIONAL ANSWER EITHER SEPARATELY BY ONE OR MORE OR BY THE DPC COLLECTIVELY IN THE EVENT THERE ARE POINTS WE OR ANY OTHER ALLY WISHES TO RESPOND TO.
RUMSFELD

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